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To: Iowa MPOs, Iowa RPAs, County Engineers, City Engineers, Iowa League of Cities, Iowa State Association of Counties, Rail Advisory Committee and other interested parties

One of the unique provisions related to highway funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 is that the funding may also be used for public transit, transportation enhancements, passenger rail, freight rail, and ports. Of those eligible uses, freight rail is the one mode of transportation that likely has ready-to-go projects but yet there is no dedicated funding from ARRA. Therefore, the Iowa Transportation Commission (Commission) has asked Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) staff to solicit potential freight rail projects that could utilize up to \$5 million of ARRA highway funding that has not yet been programmed.

The attached documents provide additional information about this funding opportunity. Applications for potential projects should be submitted to the Iowa DOT no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Submit applications to Rose Wazny at: [Roselyn.Wazny@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:Roselyn.Wazny@dot.iowa.gov). If you any questions, please contact Rose at 515-239-1066.

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